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TAGS: OVIP, OCON (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT ISRAEL

REF: TEL AVIV 10010

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1. SCENARIO PROPOSED REFTEL FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 APPROVED.
2. SECRETARY DOES NOT PRESENTLY PLAN ARRIVAL STATEMENT.
3. WELCOME MFA INVITATION TO DINNER AND TOUR FOR OFFICIALS NOT INCLUDED IN EBAN DINNER.
4. RE. SCENARIO FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, SINCE SECRETARY NOT REPEAT NOT VISITING ALGERIA EN ROUTE GENEVA, DEPARTURE TIME FROM ISRAEL CAN BE MOVED TO 1300. THIS WILL PROVIDE CONTINGENT TIME FOR ANY FURTHER MEETINGS WITH GOI THAT MAY PROVE DESIRABLE.
5. FYI: RE. PROPOSED MEETING WITH KNESSET FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY COMMITTEE, IN VIEW PENDING ISRAELI ELECTIONS AND DELICACY OF PRESENT DIPLOMATIC PHASE, WE ARE CONCERNED SUCH MEETING WOULD LEAD TO PRESS LEAKS

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AND/OR EFFORTS EXPLOIT IT FOR PARTISAN POLITICAL

PURPOSES. SECRETARY SEES NO USEFUL PURPOSE FOR US INTERESTS AND CONSIDERABLE RISKS IN MEETING WITH COMMITTEE, AND MEETING SHOULD BE DECLINED. END FYI. IN SO INFORMING GOI, YOU SHOULD SIMPLY MAKE POINT THAT SECRETARY DECLINED TOUR OF JERUSALEM IN ORDER HAVE ADDITIONAL WORK TIME AND THAT, FOR SAME REASON, HE MUST REGRETFULLY FOREGO OPPORTUNITY MEET WITH KNESSET COMMITTEE.

6. PREFER DEFER DECISION ON MEETING WITH PRESS UNTIL ARRIVAL JERUSALEM.

7. PARTY WILL HAVE LUNCH ON AIRCRAFT FOLLOWING DEPARTURE.

8. FOLLOWING ARE REPLIES TO QUESTIONS RAISED TEL AVIV 10063:

A. BELIEVE WE SHOULD DEFER TO ISRAELI WISHES RE. TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO JERUSALEM.

B. SECRETARY WILL NOT MEET WITH PRESS ON ARRIVAL AND WOULD PREFER GO BY HOTEL BRIEFLY EN ROUTE TO MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER. THIS WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR, WHICH SECRETARY AGREES DESIRABLE. MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER SHOULD THEREFORE REMAIN AT 1730 AS SCHEDULED.

C. AGREE PRINCIPAL SUPPORT STAFF SHOULD BE AT PRIME MINISTRY DURING PRIVATE MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND SECRETARY, SO AS TO BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE WHEN MEETING IS EXPANDED.

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